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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Joseph H. Maroon, Director

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SUBJECT: Proposed WQIF Project Grant Awards for 2006

The Department of Conservation and Recreation is responsible for administering grants from the Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF) to reduce nonpoint source pollution. These grants serve to advance the Commonwealth's commitment to protect and restore Virginia's waterways and the Chesapeake Bay. The grant awards proposed today for funding focus primarily on improving impaired waters statewide and implementing Virginia's Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategies through partnerships with local governments, community groups, and nonprofit organizations. The proposed projects will make real reductions in nonpoint source pollution throughout Virginia.

The Water Quality Improvement Act requires that an announcement of projects proposed for funding be made available for public review and comment for at least 30 days prior to the Department making final grant awards. The grant award recommendations list with descriptions for each proposed project was posted today to the DCR web site:

<http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/sw/wqia>

These proposed grant awards are being made to support two WQIF programs: Strategic Nonpoint Source Water Quality Initiatives and Cooperative Nonpoint Source Pollution Programs. In response to the request for proposals that was distributed on October 14, 2005, DCR received 102 grant applications for consideration. These 36 proposed projects, when completed, will prevent an estimated 141,565 pounds of nitrogen, 13,030 pounds of phosphorus, and 3098 tons of sediment from reaching Virginia's waterways.

Following the 30-day comment period, that begins today and ends on May 26, final negotiations regarding the grant agreements and work plans will be completed. Comments should be submitted electronically or in writing to Rick Hill, rick.hill@dcr.virginia.gov, Department of Conservation and Recreation, 203 Governor Street Suite 206, Richmond, Virginia 23219. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Rick Hill at 804-786-7119. Thank you for your interest in improving Virginia's natural resources.

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